



September 24, 2010

The City received a letter of recognition from the Fieldstone Farms HOA for the City's assistance during the May floods, the letter reads—

"On behalf of the eighty-four households of Fieldstone Farms affected by the May flood, we extend our deepest gratitude to our City government for all your assistance in the immediate aftermath of the flood and following. Thank you to the Solid Waste Department, in particular, for supplying and servicing the dumpsters on our affected streets. We are also grateful to the Streets Department for making road repairs, the Building and Neighborhood Department for waiving permit fees and all the utilities workers, administrators and many others who have faithfully assisted our flooded families in rebuilding their properties and returning to normal life. As we continue to recover and move forward along with the other residents of our beautiful City, we are reminded again what a privilege it is to be a part of the Franklin Community."

See presentation from Tom Paden in the attached photo.

The **Franklin Police K-9 Unit** has received two prestigious awards. **Canine handler Officer Charlie Richards and his partner, Titan, received First Place in Criminal Apprehension and Third Place Overall.** Approximately 30 dogs from around the region participated in the event, which certifies the credibility of dogs used by police for the purposes of testimony during court proceedings. **Congratulations to Officer Richards and Titan!** See photo on the Web site at www.franklintn.gov and click the news link.

Kudos to the **Franklin Parks Department** for pulling off another wonderful **Family Day at The Park at Harlinsdale**. Hundreds attended the event and it was well run and organized. Our Parks staff went above and beyond to make this an enjoyable event for all attendees young and old. Photos from the event are posted on the City's facebook page www.facebook.com/cityoffranklin.

Several City of Franklin employees helped with the **Harpeth River Watershed Association river clean-up event this past Saturday**. Thanks to **Becky Caldwell and her team** for supplying all of the needed clean-up supplies, two dumpsters and pick-up. The cleanup crew-- 16 in all-- even found the iconic kitchen sink! A photo of **Sustainability Coordinator Andrew Orr paddling a canoe full of trash** is also attached.

Assistant City Recorder Lanaii Benne has been elected **President of the Tennessee Association of Municipal Clerks and Records (TAMCAR)** at their semi-annual meeting in Nashville. Lanaii has been a member of TAMCAR since 2003. She earned her Certified Municipal Clerk (CMC) designation in 2006 and is currently working on her MMC (Master Municipal Clerk). TAMCAR is an organization that promotes continuing education for Tennessee municipal clerks and recorders and has approximately 300 members. This is a two year term.

Franklin Fire Chief Rocky Garzarek has been appointed chair of the **International Association of Fire Chief's Government Relations Committee for the Southeastern division**. This is a new committee that includes a representative from each state in the Southeastern division. It is a one-year appointment.

ICMA-RC is pleased to support the fourth annual **National Save for Retirement Week, October 17-23**. This national campaign—endorsed by the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives—is an effort to encourage employees across the nation to save more in their employer-sponsored retirement plans. **Visit the website** at www.retirementweek.org to learn more about how you can get involved. The site features planning tools and interactive elements including success stories, idea exchange and basic information.

Vacation reminder! Use it, don't lose it! Remember the City no longer “pays out” for excess, unused vacation time. If you don't use your time you could lose it at the end of the year. Only your accrued time, which you are eligible for based on your years of service, can be rolled over into the next year as vacation time. Anything over that time is lost with the exception of 5 days that can be rolled into sick leave. If you are planning to take vacation, the earlier you schedule the time off, the better opportunity you have of the selected dates being available.

Last but not least...the program “**American Pickers**” wants to come to Franklin. “American Pickers” airs on the History Channel. They are looking for people with collections that are ready to sell at least some pieces. They would also love to explore the history of the locations and the items. And of course, we are always looking for great characters. Below is a link to the show sites to give you a better idea of what the show is about. <http://www.history.com/shows/american-pickers> <<http://www.history.com/shows/american-pickers>> <http://www.antiquearcheology.com/> <<http://www.antiquearcheology.com/>> If you know anyone that might be great for the show, call researcher Jennifer Dee at 646-873-6246.

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